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SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE - POTENTIAL POLITICAL ISSUES

REF: STATE 30015

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH MOSHE ALON, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHO SAYS THAT ISRAEL'S APPROACH TO THE WATER CONFERENCE IS WHOLLY PROFESSIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL. ITS DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY WATER COMMISSIONER MENACHEM KANTOR. REMAINDER OF DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF WATER EXPERTS WITH POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES. ISRAEL WILL PRESENT TWO PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AT THE CONFERENCE.

2. ALON SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFIC PLANS TO RAISE ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE, PAST EXPERIENCE DOES NOT PERMIT OPTIMISM ON THIS SCORE. HE HAS HEARD THAT THERE ARE MOVES AFOOT TO INSERT THE GANGES AND EUPHRATES DISPUTES. IF SUCH EFFORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL, IT WOULD THEN BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT. THEY
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HOPE THAT THE U.S. WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN STEERING THE CONFERENCE AWAY FROM POLITICAL ISSUES.

3. NOTING THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE ADVANCE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND U.S. DELEGATIONS, ALON SUGGESTED THAT KANTOR STOP OFF IN WASHINGTON ENROUTE TO THE CONFERENCE. KANTOR WILL GO TO MEXICO IN ANY EVENT

JUST BEFORE THE CONFERENCE AND COULD LEAVE A FEW DAYS
EARLIER THAN PLANNED TO INCLUDE A VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPARTMENT WISHES
TO HAVE KANTOR VISIT WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR
TO THE CONFERENCE AND, IF SO, WHAT DATES WOULD BE CON-
VENIENT.

4. AS FOR WATER-RELATED PRACTICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
WHICH COULD BE RAISED AGAINST ISRAEL (PARA 2 OF REFTTEL), MOST
LIKELY CHARGE IS OF COURSE THAT ISRAEL IS USING MORE
THAN AN "EQUITABLE SHARE" OF JORDAN BASIN WATER. ANOTHER
POSSIBILITY IS THAT ARABS COULD ACCUSE ISRAEL OF CONTRI-
BUTING TO WATER SHORTAGE IN GAZA (SEE EMBASSY'S MEMCON
DATED JANUARY 11, 1977).
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